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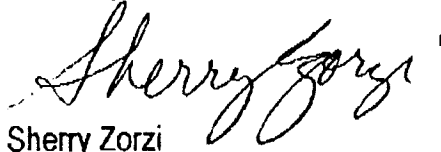
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take some time and go on record as being an advocate of the settlement that was reached between the Justice Department and the Microsoft Corporation. It was about time that a settlement has been proposed, and I only hope that it is approved as soon as possible.

Microsoft did not get off the hook easy, not by any means. But, the settlement will help in fostering competition in the technology industry and will also give the American economy the shot in the arm that it needs. I think that forcing Microsoft to give up its intellectual property is a bit much, but whatever it takes to improve our economy is fine by me. Microsoft will make available to its competitors, on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, any coding that Windows uses to communicate with another program running on it. Clearly, this settlement is more than just a slap on Microsoft's corporate wrists.

This is going a bit far, but it is in the best interest of the nation to bring an end to this lawsuit. I am in support of this settlement because it does so. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Sherry Zorzi